

In the Name of God Amen I John Jefferson of the County of Albemarle
being of perfect and sound memory (for which I praise God) Do make and publish
this my last Will and Testament now being & annulling all former Wills
Wills by me heretofore made in manner & form following that is to say I give
I give and devise to my Dear & Well beloved Wife Jane Jefferson for and During her
Natural life or Widowhood the use and profits of the House & plantation
whereon I now live comprehending five hundred acres of Land being the same
I purchased from the Late William Randolph of Tuckahoe Esq; the said which I
excepted I now I give and bequeath unto my Dear Wife the whole part of my slaves
During her Natural life which slaves I hereby empower her by a Deed I write to when
Lifetime only her last Will and Testament to dispose of amongst her children
many of my Children as she shall think fit but if she shall fail or omit to make
such Disposition then my Will is that such as shall be undivided of ought equally
divided between my two Sons Thomas & Randolph in the same manner as I
Directed my other slaves to be Divided. Item my Will is that my Wife shall have
& Enjoy all my House hold stuff (my Cherry Tree Dais and is exclusive only excepted)
during her Natural life or Widowhood with full power and liberty to Dispose
of the same amongst my Children according to her discretion & if any part thereof
shall remain undivided of at the time of her Death or if I die before her my Will
is that the same be Disposed of by my Executors as to them shall seem most to the
Interest & Benefit of my Children. Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter
Jane one of my two Negro Girls Chloe or Patt which she shall choose and her future
Increase to her and her Heirs forever and the sum of two hundred pounds to be paid
unto her in one year after she shall attain the age of twenty one years or shall
marry which ever shall first Happen. Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter
Mary my Negro Girl now called Daughters & her future Increase to her and
her Heirs forever & the sum of two hundred pounds to be paid unto her in the
like manner as is appointed for the payment of her sister Jane's Fortune.
Item I Give & bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth my Negro Girl called her
+ future Increase to her and her Heirs forever & the sum of two hundred pounds to be
paid in like manner as is appointed for the payment of her sister Jane's Fortune.
Item I Give & bequeath unto my Daughter Martha my mulatto Girl named
Rachel & her future Increase to her & her Heirs forever & the sum of two
hundred pounds to be paid unto her in the like manner as is appointed for the
payment of her sister Jane's Fortune. Item I Give & bequeath unto my Daughter
Libby my Negro Wench called Libby & her Child Pats together with their future Increase
to her and her Heirs forever and the sum of two hundred pounds to be paid unto
her in the like manner as is appointed for the payment of her sister Jane's
Fortune. Item I Give and bequeath unto my Daughter Anne seven my Negro
Girl we and her future increase to her and her Heirs forever and the sum of two
hundred pounds to be paid in as is appointed for the payment of her sister Jane's
Fortune that is to say after she shall attain the age of twenty one years or shall
marry whichever shall first happen and if it shall happen that any of
the slaves bequeathed to my Daughters as aforesaid die before they come to the possession
of my said Daughters respectively then in my Will that such as many of my
slaves of near the same age be set apart out of my Estate & given to such Daughter
or Daughters whose slaves shall be dead in the last thereof and if any of my
said Daughters die before they attain the age of twenty one years in any then
it is my Will that their Portions or Legacies bequeathed to such Daughters in my
last Will & that in Distribution thereof to be made and as my Will is
that what necessary I may have & Debt owing to me at the time of my Death

With the clear Profits of my Estate (after the maintenance of my Family
& Education of my Children is provided for) shall be appropriated to the buying off my
Daughters Portions at the respective times they become due & if they should prove in-
ficient for that purpose I then & in that case Empower & authorize my Exec^r to sell &
convey my Lands in the County of Cumberland & Bedford in such manner
& on such proportions as shall make good the Deficiency the Lands in Cumberland
being to be first sold Item I Give & Bequeath to my son Thomas my mutilated Teller
sawney my books mathematical Instruments & my Cherry Tree Desk and Books
case Item I Give unto my son Randolph My Negro Boy Peter Mytilla's
Son to him and his Heirs forever. Item I Give and bequeath all my Slaves not
before otherwise disposed of to be equally divided between my two sons Thomas and
Randolph at such Time as my son Thomas shall attain the Age of twenty one years
each of my said Sons to have and to hold the Slaves allotted to them on such Division
to them and their Heirs forever, but Subject nevertheless to this Condition, that the
Estate bequeathed to my son Thomas as to the clear Profits thereof be and remain
equally liable with my other Estates to provide for the Maintenance and Support of my
Family, the Education of my younger Children, and the Payment of my Daughters
Portions. Item I Give and devise unto my son Thomas either my Lands on the
Rivanna River and its Branches, or my Lands on the Fluvanna in Albemarle County
adjacent thereto which I have taken up by Virtue of an Order of Council and
of the two he shall choose he being to make his Election within one year after
he shall attain to the age of Twenty one years if he be at that time in this country
but if he be out of the same then he shall make his Election in six months
after his return thereto Item I Give and devise to my son Randolph & his Heirs
forever either my Land on the Rivanna and its branches or my Land on the
Fluvanna in Albemarle County which I purchased of John Noble Esq^r
together with my other Lands thereto adjacent which I have taken up & surveyed
by Virtue of an order of Council after my son Thomas has made his Election
of choice which of the two he will take Item I Give & Devise unto which son
of my said sons shall be possess of my Land on the Fluvanna River between
and three Miles forever the Land I hold on Hard wane River in partnership
with Arthur Hephins and others called the Limestone Land and whereas I have
Bought of one Joseph Smith two hundred acres of Land adjoining my Lands on the
Rivanna River being part of a Tract of Land Granted to Edward Richmond by Patent
& others for which I have no Deed my Devise is that my Exec^r procure from the said
Joseph Smith a conveyance to them in Trust for the use of such one of my sons
Thomas or Randolph as shall Take my other Lands on the Rivanna River
with its branches which is left to the Election of my said son Thomas in the Devise
of the said Land Item whereas I have ^{and have} an Interest in Certain Lands on the branches
of my upper Rivanna in Partnership with Doctor Thomas Walker & others to
two hundred acres on Rocky Run in Albemarle County in partnership with
John Hare & others whereas it is imagined to be a Tract of Coppies Oak my Devise
is that my Exec^r sell & convey or otherwise dispose of the same in such manner as shall
to them seem to be the most for the benefit of my Family & any money that may arise
from the sale or profits thereof to be equally Divided among my Children
Item whereas I have surveyed and laid off for James Spears one hundred acres of Land
on Garsons Creek adjoining the Land he lives upon which is not yet conveyed to him
I therefore empower my Exec^r to convey it to him in Fee simple whensoever he shall
require the same

I am my Will and receive that all my Family both to wit my wife & my Children
Educated out of the Profits of my Estate until such time as they shall become
Adults to the age of Twenty one years or marry and at that time my
Wife shall require a Division of my Estate to have her part ascertained
& laid out for her (which on her Request my Execs are hereby Authorized
to do without any Judgment or Decree of the Court for that Purpose)
I Do now & appoint that my Execs shall pay and deliver unto her for
her only use and behoof one full & equal third part of all my real Cattle
Hoggs & sheep that shall be at any or all my plantations together with
two Good serviceable Work Horses and further it is my Will & I do hereby
Appoint & direct that if any Difference or dispute shall hereafter arise
amongst my Children about the distribution of my Estate that the same
shall be finally determined by my Execs or such of them as shall remain
& survive at the time & if they should all be dead that then such Difference
or Dispute shall be finally Determined by the three first Justices in the
Commission of the peace for that County where the matter sitting
shall Trye and if any of my Children shall refuse to abide by such
Determination then it is my Will that such Child or Children shall
forever forfeit all manner of Claim and right either in Law or
Equity to the thing in Dispute

Item I Give & bequeath to my Executors herein after mentioned all my stroke
of Horses Cattle Hoggs & sheep (excepting the part already bequeathed
to my Wife) to be disposed of by their discretion for the support &
Maintenance of my Family & for the benefit of my wife & my children
for no other use or purpose whatsoever

Item I do Give & bequeath unto my son Thomas all the residue of
my Estate whether real or Personal of what kind so ever and finally
I do appoint constitute & Ordain The Honorable Peter Brand Esq.
Esq. Thomas Twiss the Elder John Nicholas Doctor Thomas Walker
& John Hawie Execs of this my last Will & Testament & Guardian
to all my Children In Testimony whereof I have signed seals &
Published this as my last Will and Testament on the thirtieth Day
of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty seven
And the Words of Guardians to all my Children) were Interlined before signed

In Presence of
John Bell
Edmund Hickman
Samuel Cobbs

Peter Jefferson (S)

Q The Court Held for Albemarle County the thirteenth Day of October 1757
This last Will and Testament of Peter Jefferson Esq. died was presented to
Court by one of the Exors therein named proved by the Oaths of John Bell Esq.
Hickman & Samuel Cobbs the Witnesses as therein & Ordered to be record and
At another Court Held for the said County the tenth Day of November 57
on the Motion of John Hawie Thomas Walker & John Nicholas three of the
Exors therein named who made Oath according to Law Certification was granted
them for obtaining a Decree thereof in due Form giving Security

in which they with James Isaac Williams Maggison & George Cunningham Gent.
their securities entered into & acknowledged their Bond for the due & faithful performance
of the said Will

Test

John Nicholas Clerk

Martin's Will
In the Name of God Amen I Henry Martin of Albemarle County and
Parish of being sick and weak but in of perfect mind and Memory
Thanks to unto Almighty God do make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testa-
ment in manner & form following First I Give my soul to Almighty God that
have it Hoping for a blessed resurrection and for my Body by Estate which has
pleased God to bestow upon me I Dispose of it as followeth To wit I Give
and bequeath to my son Henry Martin forty shillings Current money
Item I Give & Bequeath unto my son John Martin Forty shillings of the like
Current Money Item I Give and bequeath to my son William Martin one
hundred & thirty three acres of Land Lying on the mouth of Round about
Item I Give and bequeath to my son James Martin one hundred and thirty three acres
Land at the upper Plantation Item I Give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Martin
the Remainder of the Land and if the Land should not hold out for Sixty or more than
Children to have one hundred & thirty three acres my Desire is that my Last Will and
now Live to be equally Divided amongst my son William James & Benjamin Martin
to them & their Heirs forever & my Desire is that my Wife Ann Martin shall keep all my
Land and Negroes Goods and Chattels till her Death & then to be Equally Divided among
my son William James & Benjamin Martin to them & their Heirs forever but if my
my Wife Ann Martin should Marry before she Dies then my Desire is that my
Estate may be equally Divided amongst my three Children as above. Hereunto
I Appoint and Ordain my Wife Ann Martin & my son William. He. for his
Lawful Exec^r of this my Last Will & Testament as Witnesses my hand and seal
this Eleventh Day of March one thousand seven hundred and fifty five
Signed sealed & Delivered
In the Presents of us

Henry Martin
Witness
John

John Raine

William Tucker

marks

Mary + Spruce

too

At a Court held for Albemarle County the thirteenth Day of October 1767
This Last Will and Testament was presented in Court by Ann Martin Executrix thereof
named proved by the Oath of William Tucker one of the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be
recorded and in the motion of the said Anne Martin who made Oth According to Law
Certificate is granted her for Obtaining a Probate thereof in due form giving
Security on which she with Thomas Appleberry William Appleberry & Williams
breary her securities entered into & acknowledged their Bond for the due and
faithful performance of the said Will and County the ninth day of March MDCCLXVII
The same Widows further proved by the Oath of John Raine another Witness thereto
which is Ordered to be Certified

Test

John Nicholas Clerk